Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1902, several families from northwest of Freeman, South Dakota, moved to Beadle County to establish new homes and began worshiping together in homes and later in school houses; and,

Whereas, In 1906, a church building and two acres of land were purchased from the Presbyterian Church for $900, which resulted in the dedication of the Hutterthal Church of Carpenter on April 15; and,

Whereas, In 1914, a Sunday School was organized with Matt Hofer serving as the first superintendent and he held that position, as well as teacher, until 1950; and,

Whereas, In May 1949, a new church building was dedicated 1½ miles east of the old church to accommodate the increased membership, and several additions have been built since that time; and,

Whereas, The Hutterthal Church has been served by 12 pastors since its inception and the current 192 members are served by Reverend Matt Stacey; and,

Whereas, A 100th Anniversary celebration of the Hutterthal Church of Carpenter will take place on June 24-25, 2006, with a theme of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" for the last 100 years and "Let Us Go On" until the Lord returns:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 24-25, 2006, as

HUTTERTHAL CHURCH OF CARPENTER DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State